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neously says (page 30), that Joanna Bassett d. of William Bassett and Elizabeth Churchill, married John Stith.

Joanna Bassett m. Anderson Stith, son of John Stith, third of that name in Virginia, and his wife Elizabeth Anderson. Elizabeth Anderson was a d. of Rev. Charles Anderson, of Westover, who was an ancestor of President John Tyler (see 4 *William and Mary College Quarterly*, p. 127).

The issue of Joanna Bassett and Anderson Stith were:

- I. Bassett Stith, of Halifax, N. C., m. July 8, 1790, Mary Long, d. of Colonel Nicholas Long, of Halifax, N. C. Issue:
 1. Lavinia Stith, m. Robert Newsom.
 2. Martha E. Stith, m. General J. R. J. Daniel. Issue: 1. William Augustus Daniel; 2. John Napoleon Daniel; 3. General Junius Daniel, C. S. A., killed at the battle of the Wilderness.
 3. Maria B. Stith, m. Judge Joseph J. Daniel (Supreme Court, N. C.) Issue: 1. William A. Daniel; 2. Mary Long Daniel, m. George Loyall Gordon; 3. Lavina Bassett Daniel, m. Turner W. Battle.
 4. Mary M. Stith, m. Edmund B. Freeman.
 5. Virginia P. Stith, m. Nathaniel Macon Eaton.
 6. William A. Stith, *d. s. p.*
 7. Albert A. Stith, *d. s. p.*
 8. Nicholas L. B. Stith.
 9. Frances W. Stith, m. (2d wife) General J. R. J. Daniel, *d. s. p.*
- II. Elizabeth Stith, d. unmarried at Halifax, N. C.
- III. John Stith, moved to Georgia.

The Charles City records show that Anderson Stith was a practicing lawyer in that county in 1755. In 1774, Joanna Stith was his widow. Judge Bassett French, in a letter to the widow of General J. R. J. Daniel, says that Anderson Stith, attorney at law, died in King William county, Va., in 1768. His executrix, Joanna Stith, advertised for sale his late dwelling place on the Pamunkey, in the *Virginia Gazette*, March 3, 1768.

The date of the marriage of Colonel Bassett Stith and Mary Long is taken from the family Bible of Colonel Nicholas Long, in the possession of one of his descendants.

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THE POYTHRESS FAMILY.

(Addenda to Vol. VII, 71-72, 190.)

(COMMUNICATED.)

Descendants of Mary Poythress and John Batte (who died at the White Sulphur Springs in 1816, and was buried in close proximity to the

old church at Lewisburg, Va., there being no means of communication with Tidewater Virginia except by stage).

Mary Poythress, wife of John Batte, of Mancelle, Prince George county, Va., descends from Robert, grandson of Captain Francis Poythress, who came to Virginia in 1633. Robert Poythress had one son and nine daughters. His oldest son, Peter Poythress, married Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Richard Bland, of Jordans, and had eight daughters and one son. (Notice the father of Peter Poythress, of Branchester, had nine daughters and one son, and Peter Poythress, of Branchester, had eight daughters and one son; hence the family connection which has spread all over Virginia, and so often spoken of as the descendants of the "nine Miss Poythress'," or the "eight Miss Poythress'," the nine being sisters of Peter, of Branchester, and the eight his daughters.) The nine, as well as remembered by older members of the Poythress-Batte connection, married Goode, of Whitby; Gilliam, Eppes, Rubsman, Morrison, Lee, Cocke, Baird and Harrison. The sisters of Peter Poythress were Agnes, who married Roger Atkinson, of Olive Hill; Elizabeth Poythress married William Mayo, of Powhatan county, Va.; Sallie Bland Poythress, sixteen years old, married Richard Lee, son of General R. E. Lee's grandfather, Henry Lee, sixty years old; she outlived him, of course, and married, a second time, Willoughby Newton, grandfather of Bishop John B. Newton, of Virginia; Ann Poythress married Robert Randolph; Lucy Poythress married John Eppes, of Eppesville, Prince George county, Va.; Jane Poythress married Joseph Mayo; Mary Poythress married John Batte, of Mancelle; Susan Poythress married Richard Bland, of Jordan, her cousin, who was son of Richard Bland and Anne Poythress, of Jordan, and was the mother of Dr. Theodrick Bland, the last Bland owner of Jordans, and of Mr. John Bland, of Fountains, and of Mr. Richard Bland. Mary Poythress and John Batte, of Mancelle, had issue: Elizabeth, married Mr. Madden; Nancy, married Mr. Russell; Martha, married Mr. Robert Ritchie; Mary, married Mr. Samuel Hinton, of Petersburg. Peter Poythress married three times—first, Miss Elizabeth Poindexter; and second, Miss Park Poindexter; and third, Miss Emily Broughton, of Norfolk, Va. Robert married Miss Eliza Gilliam, and John Henry married Martha Ann, daughter of Peyton Mason, of Prince George county, Va. Henry Batte and Martha Ann Mason had thirteen children: Almeria Elizabeth, who married John Batte—no issue; Mary Virginia, married John Eppes, of Eppesville—two children; Peyton Mason, who died in infancy; Indiana Henrietta, died young; Martha Turner, married Richard Christian—no issue; John Henry, died in infancy; Alexander Maben, died at the age of twenty; William Ritchie, died young; George McPhail, married Lucie Cooke, daughter of Nordecai Cooke, of Norfolk, Va.—two children; Robert Bolling, married Helen French, daughter of Judge French, of Manchester, Va.—six children; Rosa Bland, married Robert R. Hill,

of Petersburg, Va.—two children; Peter Poythress, now residing in Richmond, Va.; William Mason, died in infancy.

Issue of Mary Virginia Batte and John Eppes, of Eppesville: Virginia Elizabeth, who married Colonel Joseph P. Minetree, 41st Virginia Regiment, C. S. A. (eleven children); Virginia Batte, died in infancy.

Issue of George McPhail and Lucy Cooke Batte: Charles Cooke, died in infancy; George McPhail Batte.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A FORGOTTEN MEMBER OF THE BALL FAMILY.

It is well known to all students of our colonial history that, in the colonization of Maryland, Virginia was no unimportant factor, and that the former commonwealth derived considerable accessions to her early population from her elder sister. While the movement resulting in the Puritan settlement on the banks of the Severn forms an episode of more special prominence, there was from the first a steady stream of individual immigration, affecting chiefly the districts along the Potomac and the lower portion of the eastern shore, though not altogether confined to these localities. It often happens, therefore, that the genealogist who loses his guiding clue in Virginia, will find it again in the Maryland records. The history of the Ball family furnishes a case in point, and incidentally throws some light on the early relations between the two colonies.

The records of the Land Office at Annapolis (Liber. 4, fol. 54) show that, on the 16th of July, 1659, warrants were granted to the ten persons named below, "conditionally that they enter their rights and seat their lands between this and 25 March next." Their names and the amounts of land claimed by each were as follows: Thomas Powell, 700 acres; Walter Dickinson, 600 acres; Robert Gorsuch, 300 acres; Richard Gorsuch, 300 acres; Howell Powell, 300 acres; William Ball, 500 acres; William Chapman, Jr., 500 acres; Richard Ball, 500 acres; Thomas Humphrey, 600 acres; Hugh Kinsey, 400 acres.

It is susceptible of proof that this little colony came from Lancaster county, Va., and it should be noted, by the way, that "William Chapman, Jr., is an evident error for "William Clapham, Jr." The names of William and Richard Ball will at once claim attention, since the former, as will presently be shown, was probably the son of Colonel William Ball, and the latter none other than his son Richard, who has generally been supposed to have died young. Richard Ball settled in Baltimore county in the course of the following year, and August 1, 1660, assigned certain rights to Paul Kinsey (Land Office, Lib. 5, fol. 91). His warrant for 500 acres was renewed May 15, 1661, returnable in December following (*Ibid.*, Lib. 4, fol. 554). The next year he was married. Under date of March 1, 166½, Mary Humphreys, "now in widowhood,"